

Current Soviet PNE Work

Since September 1, 1974 the Soviets have conducted a 3.8 KT nuclear test near the Udachnaya diamond mine in North Central Siberia. The purpose of this shot was to create a large mound of rubble which will be part of a dam to form a holding pond for the mine effluent.

In addition, the Soviets have continued to prepare a second row charge test on the Kama-Pechora Canal Site. This test should be ready in the next month or two. There is no evidence as to whether the Soviets intend to conduct this test routinely or await developments from the various TTB, PNE, LTBT and NPT negotiations that will occur over the next several months.

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Attached to Scars memo from Lodal/Sonnenfeldt/Elliott for HAKS, 1 Feb. 1975